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From: Marlene Dortch
Sent: Monday, March 31, 2003 10:25
To: William Caton
Subject: FW: Docket 95-116

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From: Schumann [mailto:julesant@comcast.net]
Sent: Friday, March 28, 2003 11:52 AM
To: Marlene Dortch
Subject: Docket 95-116

Dear Sirs:

HELP! I am being held captive by my cellular phone company. They "OWN" my phone number that I have been using for close to 2 years for our family business cell phones, I do not like my current provider and when I shopped around I realized that if I want to keep my phone number, I have to stay within my current provider. I feel trapped because the thought of contacting all my current clients and changing all my business cards, stationary, media and advertising that lists my phone number is very exhausting.

The Cellular phone companies know what they are doing. they are keeping us trapped with them because they own our phone numbers. They **know** we won't go thru the hassle of changing phone numbers. They won't even let you use an old phone from an old provider. You ALWAYS HAVE to purchase a new phone if you sign up with a new provider. There are 30 million functional IDLE cell phones lying around in American homes today (source www.wirelessfoundation.org)

This is a huge problem.

Am I able to find the best deal for our business while keeping my number? NO

Am I able to switch to another company and at the very least have a forwarding message played with my new number? NO

Am I able to use a perfectly good phone for as long as it works as I switch providers. instead of buying a new one each time? NO

I know that this is set to change, hopefully. because of the fair and sensible people at the FCC. I am just writing to show my support of this change. I think it is about time to do something so the people who are paying for this cellular service can have their rights to choose back where they belong.

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From: JChan@usthq.com [mailto:JChan@usthq.com]
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To: Marlene Dortch
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Please do not let the mobile carriers sway your decision to let consumers **keep** their original mobile numbers when switching plans.

Thank you!

Jennifer Chan-Gong

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From: Joyce Campos [mailto:rcampos6y@earthlink.net]
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To: Marlene Dortch
Subject: Docket 95-1116

I want to be able to take my cell phone number with me should I change carriers.

R. Campos

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